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Application No.: 10/678,170 Art Unit: 2123
Filing Date: October 6, 2003 Examiner: Dwin M. Craig
Applicant: David Joseph KROPACZEK et al. Conf #: 2278
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING RECOVERY
OF NUCLEAR FUEL FROM FUEL POOL
Attorney Docket: 24GA6001 (HDP Ref.:8564-000042/US)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2007, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this Amendment.

	Claims remaining after Amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
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